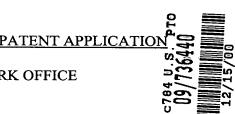
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This document shows a braking pressure control apparatus wherein master-cylinder cut-off valve is opened when a difference between master cylinder pressure and wheel brake cylinder pressure has become smaller than a threshold, in traction control or vehicle turning stability control.